lic response and to make it more authentic; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In the exhibition entitled "Tryst with Destiny" documents and photographs on a wide spectrum of our freedom struggle have been mounted. It covers a period of about 200 years and displays significant and important documents of major events and personalities of this glorious period. However, the exhibition does not claim to be exhaustive to cover all the events or people. Public response to it has been encouraging. The exhibition has been visited by a large cross section of people including scholars, historians, journalists, students and eminent public men.

(c) Does not arise.

Engineering base of A-320 air buses

*69. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce A-320 air buses in the country and if so, the name of the place where the engineering base of the aircraft is proposed to be located; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to locate such a base at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Airbus A-320 aircraft are scheduled to be inducted in the Indian Airlines fleet during 1989-90. The major engineering base for this aircraft is planned to be located at Delhi.

(b) No, Sir.

Group 'D' Employees of Nehru Yuvak Kendras

*70. DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 500 Group 'D' employees of Nehru Yuvak Kendras in the country are likely to lose their jobs;

(b) if so, what steps have been or are proposed to be taken by Government to protect their service or to provide them with alternative jobs; and

(c) if no such steps have been or are being taken reasons therefor and what would be fate of these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Eye Donation Programme

*71. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's efforts to induce people to donate eyes after their death have made any significant progress;

(b) if so, how many persons had pledged to donate their eyes and in how many cases timely action could be taken for transplantation of the eyes during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that shortage of eye Surgeons is posing a problem in the implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, whether a thorough review has been made of this scheme; if so, the shortcomings detected in the programme and the steps taken to augment the num-

ber of eye Surgeons in the country and also expand the programme to the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government through mass media and with the assistance of Voluntary Organisations is bringing about awareness amongst public to donate their eyes after death.

(b) The exact national figures for the last 3 years are not available. However, the pledges received by Times Eye Research Foundation and Dr. R.P Centre, New Delhi for the last 3 years are as follows:

1984	6881
1985	21053
1986	42850

According to available information Dr. R.P. Centre has received and utilised 602 eyes during the last three years period and the 16 eye banks have reported utilisation of 353 eyes during the current year.

(c) and (d) The number of trained eye surgeons is adequate to cope up with the number of eyes being donated to the eye banks at present. However, the need will increase with increasing eye-donation activity. The Programme is under constant review and is being expanded in a phased manner.

Upgradation of Air India's fleet

*72. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India have any proposal under consideration to upgrade its fleet during the next year;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the proposal and financial implications thereof; and

(c) how many persons are likely to get employment as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. With a view to augment/upgrade its fleet, Air India has placed an order with the Boeing Company for purchase of two Boeing 747-300(Combi) aircraft for delivery in October/November, 1988. The total project cost is approximately US $ 274.20 Million (Rs. 371.74 crores) including rupee expenditure. As a result thereof about 498 persons are likely to get direct employment.

Digha-Tamluk and Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana Railway Lines

*73. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what progress has been made so far in physical and financial terms, in regard to the proposed Digha-Tamluk and Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana railway lines in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The progress upto September, 1987 is as under:—

	Financial
(i) Tamluk-Digha	Rs. 1.60 Crores
(ii) Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana	Rs. 0.63 Crores

The construction work on the above projects has commenced and is in initial stages.

N.P.A. to the Homoeopathic Doctors

*74. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Homoeopathic doctors working with M.C.D. and N.D.M.C. and C.G.H.S. are given non-practising allowance;